

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 99-8-23**

Date Prepared: August 19, 1999
For Work Week Commencing: August 23, 1999
Business Meeting: August 23, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. D98.3.68 – Energy West Montana – Discuss and act on EWM's request for extension of time to implement open access (8/24/99)
2. D99.4.111 – Ronan Telephone – Discuss objections to data requests; other matters as necessary (8/24/99)
3. N99.6.143 – HB 128 Letters and responses – Direction (8/24/99)
4. USWC v. PSC (and NARUC) marketing restrictions in dialing parity rules – To discuss settlement as needed (8/24/99)
5. Commission/ACT – Travel (could include staff travel to ROC, Accounts, CREPC) (8/24/99)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket N99.8.189 (Dave)

On August 4, 1999, US West filed a Forbearance Application in compliance with Section 69-33-808, MCA and Section 38-5-2715, ARM. This application was filed for the purpose of negotiating an individual contract with Montana Communications Network (MCN). The customer has requested a bid from US West for Business Access Lines (1FB) in the exchanges of Glendive, Wibaux and Sidney. The customer has already received bids from MidRivers, for service in those locations

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N99.8.193 (Leroy)

On August 13, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-PLT01 "Revise the Service Dated Change Interval, and revise and clarify cancellation and maintenance of service charges." This will reduce the Service Date Change interval from 120 days to 30 days for Private Line Transport Service. In addition, there are proposed revisions and clarifications for cancellation and maintenance of service charges.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Docket N99.8.194 (Leroy)

On August 13, 1999, US WEST filed Tariff Transmittal 99-AC07 "Revise Service Date Change Interval for Switched Access and revise and clarify cancellation service charges." The Service Date Change permits a customer to delay accepting service for a specified period beyond the original due date. This tariff shortens the period from 120 days to 30 days.

3. VALLEY TEL & PROJECT TEL Docket N99.8.196 (Leroy)

On August 17, 1999, Valley Telecommunications and Project Telephone Company filed tariff's for a special promotion. The promotional period for Valley Telecommunications is from September 15, 1999, through November 15, 1999. The promotional period for Project Telephone is from August 20, 1999 through October 20, 1999. The promotion is free use of a Caller ID box with a minimum purchase of \$10 per month for Caller ID and other Tel*Star services for a 12 month period

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-8-30

New Filings Received in Past Week

D99.8.176 – Montana Power Company – MPC natural gas rate case
N99.8.193 – USWC – Tariff 99-PLT01 Revise service date change interval & revise and clarify canc & maint of service charges
N99.8.194 – USWC – Tariff 99-AC07 Revise service date change interval to switched access & revise & clarify canc service charges
D99.8.195 – USWC – USWC/DSLnet - Interconnection Agreement
N99.8.196 – Project & Valley Telephone – Tariff Free Caller ID box promo